

# RETIREMENT BILL WILL BE PRESSED

To Be Before House Committee Tomorrow With Federation of Labor Indorsement.

Carrying the emphatic support of the American Federation of Labor through a special resolution adopted at the Atlantic City convention, the bill for civil service retirement for age and disability will be urged at a resumed hearing tomorrow morning before the House committee on reforms in the civil service. Chairman Lehibach, author of the bill, expects to conclude the hearing tomorrow, but hearings will be held by the Senate committee later in the week.

The resolution adopted by the labor conference instructing the executive council "to use every means in its command to secure the enactment of the civil service retirement law in the Sixty-sixth Congress" was presented by Delegates Edward J. Gainer of the National Association of Letter Carriers, William D. Clark of the late Printers' International Union, John B. Colpoys of the Washington (D. C.) Central Labor Union, Charles D. Duffy of the National Association of Letter Carriers, Edward J. Ryan of the Railway Mail Association, Luther C. Seward of the National Federation of Federal Employees and Thomas F. Flaherty of the National Federation of Postal Employees.

**Text of Resolution.**

The resolution supports both the Lehibach and Sterling bills, which practically are identical. It is as follows:

"Whereas the retirement of superannuated civil service employees upon service annuities is now generally recognized as justifiable from both a humane and a business standpoint; and

"Whereas the United States government is one of the few in the world that makes no provision for the retirement of its aged civil service workers, resulting in one of two conditions—men are heartlessly dismissed after years of faithful service or they are retained upon the payroll when no longer able to render efficient service; and

"Whereas the compensation of government employees is insufficient to permit of adequate savings for voluntary retirement in old age; and

"Whereas all political parties in their platforms have pledged their support for the enactment of retirement legislation.

"Therefore, be it resolved, That this thirty-ninth convention of the American Federation of Labor does hereby go on record as favoring an equitable retirement law for civil service government employees, superannuated by the Lehibach bill (H. R. 2149) or the Sterling bill (S. 1699), now pending before Congress, and that the executive council is hereby instructed to use every means at its command to secure the enactment of such legislation by the Sixty-sixth Congress."

**Scatterers of Newspapers.**

To the Editor of The Star:

Washington has always possessed a certain serenity of beauty in the early summer that almost reconciled one to bursts of heat, but today it is rapidly becoming the "Slovenly Peter" of American cities, and the chief sources of the change are the scattered newspapers and the short cuts of corners which have played such deadly havoc with the city.

Coming through Farragut Square this morning, I dropped into a seat, anticipating a few minutes' enjoyment of the shade, but great patches of newspapers ruined the appearance of the lovely green lawn. The big baskets for waste were practically empty, but the ground overflowed! Where groups of people had apparently been seated on the grass every member of such a group had evidently left his paper behind him, and some had been generous enough to contribute paper bags. So it is all over this town. An army of "white wings" could not keep abreast of the tide of disorder when people actually throw their finished newspapers from car windows. (I have seen this with my own eyes.) As to the sod that has been worn down to the quick by countless feet, one has only to go through some of the parks that are near the various big war buildings to see how few ever follow a path.

People from every state in the Union are now living in Washington, and they found it, two years ago, clean and orderly. Why should not every man, woman and child who has the good fortune to live at the National Capital feel a glowing pride in its dignified beauty and pledge himself never to do a thing to mar that beauty.

E. A. BALLOCH.

**Golf Course as Soldiers' Memorial.**

ASBURY PARK, N. J., June 23.—Nine holes of an eighteen-hole golf course will be opened on a 200-acre tract here July 4, when the park will be dedicated as a memorial for Asbury Park soldiers and sailors in the world war.

The park was recently purchased by the city as a war memorial. It has an aviation field, now being used as a landing station for an airplane, making flights with summer visitors as passengers, also room for tennis, base ball and other sports. It has a wide frontage on Shark river.

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**DE VALERA IS EXPECTED HERE SOON; IN N. Y. TODAY**

E. de Valera, president of the Irish Sinn Fein republic, will arrive in Washington in two or three days, according to information given out this forenoon at the local office of the Irish national bureau. Mr. de Valera is expected in New York city this afternoon.

No information could be obtained as to the length of his stay here or whose guest he would be. It was declared that all this information would be given out in the proper time.

Harry J. Boland, secretary of the Sinn Fein party and member of parliament, last night made the announcement in New York of Mr. de Valera's expected arrival in that city. Mr. Boland likewise gave out a lengthy statement on political developments in Ireland in which he stated that the head of the "new republic" has come to this country to float a bond issue to carry on a plan of reconstruction for Ireland.

Both in England and in France woman peers originally communicated their titles and dignities to their husbands. In England today, in a few instances, women have had conferred upon them titles in their own right, with remainder to their eldest son, but the husband does not share the title.

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## A. F. OF L. INDORSES KEYMEN'S STRIKE

Convention Directs Committee to Ask Mr. Burleson to Extend Phone Concessions.

By the Associated Press.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., June 23.—Indorsement of the commercial telegraphers' strike was unanimously voted today by the American Federation of Labor.

The convention also went on record in favor of a forty-four-hour week for labor generally and directed the executive council to work for that end.

A resolution adopted on the subject of the wire strike directed the appointment by President Compters of a committee to go to Washington to confer with Postmaster General Burleson, and ask that concessions recently granted telephone and electrical workers be extended to include employees of the telegraph companies under government control. Such extension, it was declared, would result in the ending of the strike.

**Other Action Taken.**

Other resolutions adopted protested against the employment of ex-soldiers in uniform as policemen in the Toledo, Ohio, strike; advocated payment by railroad companies for all improvements put upon their lines during government control and asked the removal of regulations prohibiting railroad employees from engaging in politics on the ground that Director General Hines' order on the subject "deprived Americans of rights guaranteed by their citizenship."

Among other resolutions adopted was one protesting against the Rhode Island property qualification law on the ground that it deprived citizens of exercising their right of suffrage. The convention turned down a resolution introduced by delegates from Seattle which would have put the American Federation of Labor on record as being in favor of prohibition.

A memorial was adopted urging labor unions to meet with and encourage former soldiers, sailors and marines "to protect themselves against exploitation by unpatriotic employers."

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**GOT THE SENATOR'S \$5, BUT NO COOK FOR HIM**

Senator Smoot wanted a cook and gave \$5 to Hester Delle Smith, colored, upon her promise to get one for him. Hester had told similar stories to other residents of the city, and had said that she was in destitute circumstances, the police say. She did not keep her promise and Detectives Jackson and Beckley arrested her. Numerous charges of false pretense have been placed against her. Hester will be arraigned in Police Court later in the week. The police say she has served three terms in the penitentiary and that she admits the charges.

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